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1                   [REPORT ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ACTION  
2                   ON TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2009, BEGINS ON PAGE 54.]

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6       **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, WELCOME. IF YOU WOULD ALL  
7       PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BE LED THIS MORNING IN AN INVOCATION BY  
8       RABBI JOEL SIMONDS, UNIVERSITY SYNAGOGUE HERE IN LOS ANGELES,  
9       FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY JOHN L.  
10      STAMATIADES, COMMANDER, 17TH DISTRICT, THE AMERICAN LEGION.  
11      RABBI?

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13     **RABBI JOEL SIMONDS:** HAVING JUST CELEBRATED THE ANNIVERSARY OF  
14     OUR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE, WE ARE REMINDED OF THE IDEALS AND  
15     VALUES UPON WHICH THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED. WE ARE REMINDED  
16     THAT ALL MEN AND WOMEN ARE CREATED EQUAL AND THAT WE HAVE  
17     UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, THE RIGHT TO LIFE, THE RIGHT TO LIBERTY,  
18     THE RIGHT TO HAPPINESS. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT  
19     WITH THESE RIGHTS COMES RESPONSIBILITY. RESPONSIBILITY TO ONE  
20     ANOTHER. THE GREAT 20TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHER, MARTIN BUBER,  
21     WROTE ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN I-IT AND AN I-THOU  
22     RELATIONSHIP. IN AN I-IT RELATIONSHIP, WE VIEW THE OTHER  
23     PERSON AS AN OBJECT, WE SUBJUGATE THE OTHER PERSON, WE  
24     DEPERSONALIZE HIM. WE DENY HER UNALIENABLE RIGHTS. BUT THE I-  
25     THOU RELATIONSHIP IS DIFFERENT. IN THE I-THOU RELATIONSHIP, WE



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1 SEE THE OTHER PERSON AS SOMEONE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF THE  
2 ALMIGHTY. WE SEE HIM OR HER AS AN EQUAL, AS A PARTNER, AS  
3 SOMEONE OF WORTH AND BEAUTY. WHEN WE TAKE ON THE  
4 RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHERS, WHEN WE CARE FOR THE STRANGER AND  
5 THE WEAK, WHEN WE TREAT THEM AS EQUALS, WE ENGAGE WITH THEM AS  
6 AN I-THOU. FROM THIS WE LEARN THAT WE ARE NOT JUST RESPONSIBLE  
7 FOR OURSELVES. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL WHO RESIDE IN OUR  
8 MIDST. THIS LESSON REMINDS US OF THE WORDS OF THE ANCIENT  
9 PROPHET ZECHARIAH, WHO DEMANDED THAT WE SHOULD EXECUTE TRUE  
10 JUSTICE, DEAL LOYALLY AND COMPASSIONATELY WITH ONE ANOTHER, DO  
11 NOT DEFRAUD THE WIDOW, THE ORPHAN, THE STRANGER AND THE POOR,  
12 AND DO NOT PLAN EVIL AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. WITH THE LIGHTS OF  
13 INDEPENDENCE STILL SHINING IN OUR EYES AND THE BOOMING SOUNDS  
14 OF FREEDOM STILL RINGING IN OUR EARS, LET US BEGIN OUR WORK  
15 THIS MORNING GUIDED BY ZECHARIAH'S MESSAGE. ETERNAL ONE, BLESS  
16 US THIS DAY SO THAT WE MAY HEED YOUR CALL AND EXECUTE TRUE  
17 JUSTICE THROUGHOUT YOUR LAND. WHEN FRUSTRATION AND EXHAUSTION  
18 OVERWHELM US, HELP US TO SUMMON OUR COMPASSION SO THAT WE MAY  
19 SEE OUR NEIGHBORS NOT AS FACELESS AND NAMELESS STATISTICS, BUT  
20 AS EQUALS, AS PARTNERS, AS FRIENDS. STRENGTHEN OUR VOICES SO  
21 THAT WE MAY SPEAK OUT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SILENCED, MAKE  
22 FIRM OUR STEPS SO THAT WE MAY MARCH FOR JUSTICE, NOT AGAINST  
23 IT. AND HELP OUR EYES TO SEE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PUSHED ASIDE  
24 SO THAT WE MAY LEND THEM A HAND AND BRING THEM BACK INTO OUR



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1 COMMUNITY. (SPEAKING IN HEBREW). MAY WE COME IN PEACE AND MAY  
2 WE GO IN PEACE. AND LET US SAY AMEN.

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4 **JOHN L. STAMATIADES:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG OF OUR GREAT NATION.  
5 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BEGIN. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE  
6 FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR  
7 WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH  
8 LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. WE WERE LED IN THE  
13 INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY RABBI JOEL SIMONDS, WHO SERVES AS  
14 THE ASSISTANT RABBI AT UNIVERSITY SYNAGOGUE IN BRENTWOOD.  
15 RABBI SIMONDS WAS ORDAINED FROM THE HEBRIAN COLLEGE JEWISH  
16 INSTITUTE OF RELIGION JUST LAST MAY, TWO MONTHS AGO. WHILE IN  
17 RABBINICAL SCHOOL, RABBI SIMONDS SERVED AS A CHAPLAIN FOR THE  
18 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER AND HELPED DEVELOP A CLASS ON JEWISH  
19 SPIRITUALITY. RABBI SIMONDS RECEIVED HIS B.A. IN RELIGIOUS  
20 STUDIES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN SANTA BARBARA.  
21 AND AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE UNIVERSITY, RABBI SIMONDS SPENT  
22 TWO YEARS WORKING FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.  
23 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, RABBI, FOR THOSE INSPIRATIONAL WORDS THIS  
24 MORNING. MOST RABBIS HAVE TO WAIT FIVE YEARS MINIMUM UNTIL  
25 THEY HAVE THE HIGH HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF PRESENTING THE



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1 INVOCATION AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU DID IT IN TWO  
2 MONTHS. CONGRATULATIONS, WELCOME. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO ADD THAT THE RABBI IS THE FIRST  
5 RABBI BORN AND RAISED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HIS FATHER WAS A  
6 DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AT CORTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, THE HIGH  
7 SCHOOL THAT THE RABBI GRADUATED FROM, AND WAS A TEACHER TO  
8 MANY OF MY STAFF, BOTH DEPUTY AND CLERICAL IN THE ANTELOPE  
9 VALLEY. AND HIS MOTHER WENT TO SCHOOL WITH ZEV. SO IT'S A VERY  
10 SMALL WORLD AND WE WELCOME YOU HERE, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING  
11 DOWN.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S MY PLEASURE ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR  
14 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO IS UNABLE TO BE HERE TODAY TO PRESENT  
15 A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO MR. JOHN STAMATIADES, THE  
16 COMMANDER OF THE 17TH DISTRICT, AS I MENTIONED, AMERICAN  
17 LEGION, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. HE ALSO SERVES ON THE  
18 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. HE SERVED OUR  
19 COUNTRY IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FROM 1953 TO 1957 AS A  
20 MASTER SERGEANT WITH THE 261ST COMBAT COMMUNICATION SQUADRON.  
21 HE RECEIVED A U.S. AIR FORCE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, A U.S. AIR  
22 FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL AND A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL.  
23 HE HAS LIVED IN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT SECOND  
24 DISTRICT FOR 33 YEARS. HE IS MARRIED, WITH TWO CHILDREN. SO ON  
25 BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO THANK HIM FOR TAKING TIME



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1 OUT OF HIS SCHEDULE TO JOIN US HERE TODAY AND TO LEAD US IN  
2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [APPLAUSE.] YOU'RE LOOKING AT ME  
3 LIKE YOU WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE AGENDA. IS THAT CORRECT? ALL  
4 RIGHT, HERE WE GO.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
7 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE  
8 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D  
9 THROUGH 4-D. ON ITEM NO. 1-D, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS  
10 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 21ST, 2009.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TWO WEEKS?

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TWO WEEKS.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 3-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. SO ITEMS 2-D AND 4-D  
20 ARE BEFORE YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
23 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
24 ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
2 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H. ON ITEM NO. 1-H, THE EXECUTIVE  
3 DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
4 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 14TH, 2009.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 2-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY THE CHAIR. SECONDED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ONE WEEK, YES. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1  
14 THROUGH 9. ON ITEM NO. 1, THIS INCLUDES SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
15 APPOINTMENT AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM  
16 NO. 2, THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS REVISED AS INDICATED ON THE  
17 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 3, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
18 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 14TH,  
19 2009. AND ON ITEM NO. 4, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
20 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ITEM NO. 3 WILL BE CONTINUED TO JULY  
23 14TH.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT. AND THEN THE REMAINING ITEMS,  
2 INCLUDING ITEM NO. 1 AND 2 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE  
5 IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
6 ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 9, CONSENT CALENDAR.  
9 ITEMS 10 THROUGH 33. ON ITEM NO. 10, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER  
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 21ST,  
11 2009.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 11, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
16 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
17 REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 12, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
22 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 14, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS  
2 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 14TH, 2009.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 16, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
7 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO. 19,  
8 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
9 ITEM.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY  
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 18, ORDINANCES FOR  
20 INTRODUCTION. NO. 10 WAS CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. WE ARE ON PAGE  
21 18, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION. ITEMS 34 THROUGH 41. ON ITEM  
22 NO. 34, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
23 ONE WEEK TO JULY 14, 2009.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEMS NO. 35 THROUGH 41, THE AUDITOR-  
3 CONTROLLER REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED TO JULY  
4 21ST, 2009.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. AND THERE IS NO TIMING ISSUE  
7 ON THAT, IS THAT CORRECT?

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 19, SEPARATE MATTER ITEM 42, AND  
14 I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE  
15 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A  
16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE WEST SIDE  
17 UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2008 ELECTION,  
18 SERIES A, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20  
19 MILLION.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY THE CHAIR, SECONDED BY  
22 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 22, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON  
25 ITEM NO. CS-1, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS



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1 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 14TH, 2009. CS-1 ON PAGE  
2 22.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
7 AGENDA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
8 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE A COUPLE OF SPECIAL  
11 PRESENTATIONS I'M GOING TO BEGIN WITH. FIRST OF ALL, ARE WE  
12 LIVE HERE NOW? ARE WE LIVE? WE ARE, OKAY. I'D LIKE TO INVITE  
13 UP THE HONORABLE JUKR BOON-LONG THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THAILAND  
14 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. CONSUL GENERAL BOON-LONG HAS BEEN THE  
15 HEAD OF THE CONSUL GENERAL HERE FOR THAILAND SINCE MAY OF  
16 2006. HE HAS BEEN A CAREER DIPLOMAT SINCE 1984, WHEN HE JOINED  
17 THE THAI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. BEFORE THAT, HE EARNED A  
18 B.A. DEGREE IN LAW IN THAILAND, AN M.A. IN INTERNATIONAL  
19 POLITICS AND ECONOMICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT HERE IN  
20 THE UNITED STATES. AS A DIPLOMAT, HE HAS SERVED THE ROYAL THAI  
21 EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., HANOI, AND BERLIN. HE HAS BEEN  
22 AWARDED NUMEROUS DECORATIONS, INCLUDING THE KNIGHT GRAND CROSS  
23 OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE CROWN OF THAILAND. BEFORE HE  
24 BECAME CONSUL GENERAL HERE HE WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE



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1 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THAILAND. IN HIS LOS ANGELES  
2 POST, CONSUL GENERAL BOON-LONG HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
3 PROVISION OF CONSULAR SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO AN ESTIMATED  
4 300,000 PEOPLE, CONSIDERED THE LARGEST THAI POPULATION  
5 RESIDING OVERSEAS. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THE ANNUAL THAI  
6 CULINARY TRAINING COURSE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN  
7 COLLABORATION WITH MAJOR CULINARY INSTITUTES HERE ON THE WEST  
8 COAST. HE HAS ALSO PROMOTED THE THAI CULTURE ARTS AND CRAFTS  
9 THROUGH THE ANNUAL THAI FESTIVALS PROJECT AT FAIRS AND MAJOR  
10 CITIES. DURING HIS TENURE, HE DID SUCH A GOOD JOB THAT THEY  
11 EXPANDED HIS RESPONSIBILITY AND IT WENT FROM 8 TO 13 STATES.  
12 THE CONSUL GENERAL'S WIFE HAS ALSO BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE LOS  
13 ANGELES CONSULAR CORPS LADIES' ASSOCIATION. SO ON BEHALF OF  
14 OUR 10 MILLION PLUS RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
15 THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE BID CONSUL GENERAL JUKR BOON-  
16 LONG FAREWELL AS HE LEAVES HIS POST, WISH HIM CONTINUED  
17 SUCCESS AS HE RETURNS HOME TO BECOME THE MINISTER OF CULTURAL  
18 AFFAIRS. SO WE'RE MOST PROUD OF OUR WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH  
19 CONSUL GENERAL BOON-LONG, WISH HIM AND HIS WIFE AND HIS FAMILY  
20 THE VERY, VERY BEST. A SAFE JOURNEY HOME. AND GODSPEED.  
21 [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **JUKR BOON-LONG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR THE  
24 KIND WORDS OF INTRODUCTION. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS OF THE L.A. COUNTY FOR THE KIND GESTURE IN



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1 ARRANGING THIS BIDDING FAREWELL FOR ME. L.A. COUNTY IS VERY  
2 IMPORTANT TO THAILAND BECAUSE THIS COUNTY HOLDS THE LARGEST  
3 THAI COMMUNITY OVERSEAS. WE HAVE 100,000 THAI IN THIS L.A.  
4 COUNTY ALONE, AND THEY ARE ALL VERY HAPPY LIVING IN THIS  
5 COUNTY. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE L.A. COUNTY FOR THE KIND  
6 COOPERATION IT HAS EXTENDED TO MY OFFICE, THE OFFICE OF  
7 CONSULAR GENERAL OF THAILAND. AND THEN ALSO EXTENDED TODAY THE  
8 THAI COMMUNITY. AND I HOPE THAT THIS COOPERATION GOES ON. WE  
9 JUST CELEBRATE 175 YEARS OF THAI-U.S. RELATIONS. WE ARE THE  
10 CLOSEST ALLY OF UNITED STATES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SO THIS  
11 COOPERATION WILL GO ON IN THE FUTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR  
12 TWO COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, ZEV, GLORIA? NEXT I'D LIKE TO  
15 INVITE UP THE ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF OUR COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL  
16 PROCEDURES. TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING -- I THINK THIS IS THE  
17 FIRST TIME I'VE EVER DONE A SITUATION LIKE THIS. IT'S USUALLY  
18 A NUMBER OF YEARS. BUT THIS IS AN HONOR OF RECOGNITION OF THE  
19 700TH MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION. AND WE'RE  
20 FIGURING OUT, THAT'S PRETTY CLOSE TO 48 YEARS. SO THE  
21 COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PROCEDURES WAS ESTABLISHED ON JUNE 6TH,  
22 1961, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON  
23 CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS IN JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION. THESE  
24 IMPROVEMENTS HAVE PROVIDED FOR A SWIFTER, MORE EFFICIENT AND A  
25 MORE ECONOMICAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, REDUCED CASELOADS AND DELAYS



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1 FOR LITIGANTS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT. THIS COMMISSION ALSO  
2 DETERMINES THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL JUDGES AND MAKES  
3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY THE BOARD ON LEGISLATION  
4 PERTAINING TO THE SUPERIOR COURT. IT OBVIOUSLY ALSO  
5 FACILITATES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE COUNTY.  
6 THIS COMMISSION REMAINS ON THE FOREFRONT, WORKS FIRMLY TO  
7 IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE  
8 COURTS TO THE CITIZENS OF OUR GREAT COUNTY. THEY MEET  
9 DILIGENTLY ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH. THEY HAVE  
10 MET FOR 700 TIMES. OH, THE -- HERE. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD,  
11 WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO THE COMMISSION IN  
12 RECOGNITION OF ITS 700TH MEETING ANNIVERSARY. BUT ALSO JUST TO  
13 THANK THEM FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE  
14 IMPROVEMENTS OF THE SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS AND TO OUR COURT  
15 SYSTEM. SO CONGRATULATIONS. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF  
16 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] MR. CHAIRMAN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A  
17 FEW WORDS HERE BEFORE WE GIVE YOU A SCROLL?

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19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND ON BEHALF OF THE  
20 COMMISSION, WE APPRECIATE THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT. OVER THE YEARS,  
21 MANY PEOPLE HAVE SERVED ON THIS COMMISSION, JUDICIAL  
22 PROCEDURES COMMISSION, AND OFTENTIMES THERE ARE OPENINGS. AND  
23 IF PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED, CONTACT YOUR SUPERVISOR, THEY'RE THE  
24 ONES THAT MAKE THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES  
25 COMMISSION. AND WE'RE CONCERNED WITH CHILD CENTERS FOR THE



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1 COURTS. WE'RE CONCERNED WITH ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE COURT  
2 SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND ON BEHALF OF THE  
3 COMMISSIONERS THAT ARE PRESENT THIS MORNING, WE APPRECIATE  
4 THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD TO HELP  
5 MAKE OUR COURT SYSTEM MORE PRODUCTIVE, MORE EFFECTIVE FOR THE  
6 PEOPLE OF THE GREAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOW IT IS MY EXTREME PLEASURE TO  
9 INTRODUCE THE JULY 2009 L.A. COUNTY STARS, STARS IN THE  
10 CATEGORY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL  
11 EFFECTIVENESS. BEAD' LIKE TO WELCOME KATHY HESTER-FLANAGAN, A  
12 MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR 2 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
13 HEALTH. OBVIOUSLY THE GOALS OF THE CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL  
14 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM ARE TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF THE  
15 INCARCERATED YOUTH BY PROVIDING CARING, EFFECTIVE AND  
16 CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO AN UNDERSERVED  
17 POPULATION IN ORDER TO ALLOW THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULFILL  
18 THEIR GOALS. KATHY EFFECTIVELY SUPPORTS AND ENHANCES THESE  
19 GOALS IN THE WORK THAT SHE PERFORMS AS A MENTAL HEALTH  
20 COORDINATOR AND RECREATIONAL THERAPIST. HER WORK ADDS AN  
21 INVALUABLE ASPECT TO THE TRADITIONAL PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC  
22 SERVICES FOR OUR YOUTH WITH A FOCUS ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE  
23 EMPOWERMENT AS A WHOLE PERSON. SHE ACHIEVES THIS BY HER ARTS  
24 PROGRAMMING AND COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN  
25 SHOWN OVER THE YEARS TO REDUCE BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS, PROMOTE



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1 COOPERATION, PROMOTE PRO-SOCIAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENCOURAGE  
2 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. SHE HAS DEVELOPED VERY POSITIVE  
3 COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT,  
4 INCLUDING LINE STAFF IN LIVE-IN WARD UNITS AND WITH PERFORMING  
5 ARTISTS BY CONSISTENTLY INVOLVING THEM IN THE COLLABORATION  
6 AND ENGAGEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE YOUTH. HER WAY OF  
7 COORDINATING WITH THE JUVENILE HALL ADMINISTRATION PROBATION  
8 STAFF, MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL STAFF, AND THE PARTICIPATING  
9 ARTISTS OF THE ART, SOCIAL, MULTICULTURAL, ACADEMIC,  
10 RECREATIONAL, THERAPEUTIC, BETTER KNOWN AS SMART, AND THE  
11 YOUTH CHOSEN TO BE IN THE PROGRAM ALLOWS FOR THIS PROGRAM TO  
12 MOVE SMOOTHLY THROUGH THE JUVENILE HALL IN A CONSISTENT AND  
13 CONSTANTLY CHANGING FIVE-WEEK WORKSHOP SESSION. HER DEDICATION  
14 TO EXCELLENCE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SMART BEING THE RECIPIENT OF  
15 A PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY AWARD, AN ACHIEVEMENT GIVEN BY THE  
16 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, NACO, IN 2008. SO WE WANT TO  
17 SAY THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHY HESTER-FLANAGAN.

18 [APPLAUSE.]

19  
20 **KATHY HESTER-FLANAGAN:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I JUST WANT TO  
21 SAY A FEW WORDS. I ACCEPT THIS HONOR ON BEHALF OF MY  
22 DEPARTMENT AND BEHALF OF MY PROGRAM HEAD, DR. SHIRLEY  
23 FLOURNOY, AND ALL OF THE PROFESSIONAL MEN AND WOMEN THAT I  
24 WORK WITH AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, BOTH IN THE MENTAL HEALTH  
25 DEPARTMENT AND PROBATION. AND I WANT TO ALSO THANK THE



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1 PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS THAT I WORK WITH. THEY'RE VERY GIFTED IN  
2 THE "ART SMART" PROGRAM, AND THE AMAZINGLY TALENTED YOUTH THAT  
3 ARE AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. SO ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THEM WHO  
4 HELP MAKE MY JOB SO MUCH EASIER, I ACCEPT THIS AWARD. THANK  
5 YOU SO VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **DR. MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** I WANT TO GIVE MY CONGRATULATIONS TO  
8 KATHY AND THE "ART SMART" PROGRAM. THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT JUST  
9 DOESN'T MERELY SOUND GOOD. IT SOUNDS GOOD TO INVOLVE YOUTH IN  
10 THE ARTS. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS WE FOUND IN OUR PARTNERSHIP  
11 WITH PROBATION IS THAT IT ACTUALLY WORKS TO IMPROVE THE  
12 BEHAVIOR OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND GIVE THEM SOMETHING. AND SO  
13 IT'S SOMETHING NOT JUST FOR THE HALL BUT ALSO FOR THEIR  
14 DEVELOPMENT WHEN THEY LEAVE THE HALL. SO WE CONSIDER THIS AS  
15 REALLY ONE OF THE BEST EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES WE HAVE ABOUT  
16 IMPROVING THE LIVES OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND I'M SO PROUD  
17 THAT OUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP THIS. SO THANK  
18 YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GLORIA?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M GOING TO BRING UP A  
23 WHOLE GROUP OF FOLKS. I VERY RARELY BRING UP THIS MANY FOLKS  
24 TO RECEIVE ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND PRESENTATIONS, BUT I THINK IT'S  
25 VERY ESSENTIAL FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM. YOU KNOW, IT'S



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1 BEEN ABOUT A YEAR AND ALMOST TWO YEARS THAT WE STARTED AND  
2 CREATED THE FIRST DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL PILOT PROGRAM. AND IT'S  
3 BEEN A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. EARLIER TODAY WE HAD A LITTLE  
4 GATHERING OUT IN THE PATIO, AND WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
5 PRESENT SCROLLS TO ALL OF THE FOSTER CARE KIDS THAT HAVE  
6 PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROGRAM, AND SOME OF THEM WHO HAVE WORKED  
7 SO VERY HARD AND WEREN'T SCHEDULED TO GRADUATE, AND 19 OF THEM  
8 WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL THIS PAST JUNE. WE ARE  
9 VERY, VERY PROUD OF THEM. AS ALL OF US KNOW, PLACEMENT IN  
10 FOSTER CARE IS ONE OF THE MOST DISTRESSING EVENTS THAT CAN  
11 HAPPEN TO ANY CHILD. HE OR SHE IS OFTEN FORCED TO CHANGE  
12 SCHOOLS, SOMETIMES REPEATEDLY, DURING THE COURSE OF ANY OF  
13 THEIR PLACEMENTS. AND ADDRESSING EDUCATIONAL ISSUES FOR FOSTER  
14 YOUTH, AS WE ALL KNOW, IS AN ONGOING CHALLENGE. AND AS COUNTY  
15 SUPERVISORS, WE ALL RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND THAT DIRECTLY IT  
16 IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THESE KIDS ARE OUR WARDS. IN THE  
17 SPRING OF 2008, OUR OFFICE SPEARHEADED THE EDUCATIONAL PILOT  
18 PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR MANY OF THESE  
19 FOSTER CARE KIDS. WE CREATED THE TOOLS TO ASSESS WHERE OUR  
20 YOUTH WERE AT, WHERE THEY STOOD EDUCATIONALLY, AND DEVELOPED A  
21 CASE PLAN ADDRESSING ALL OF THEIR NEEDS. WE COLLABORATED WITH  
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES, THE C.E.O.'S STAFF. WE  
23 WERE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE TWO VERY COOPERATIVE SCHOOL  
24 DISTRICTS, POMONA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE MONTEBELLO  
25 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THEY, ALONG WITH THE CASEY PROGRAMS



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1 AND OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL,  
2 REALLY DEVELOPED THE POLICIES, THE PROCEDURES, WENT THROUGH A  
3 WHOLE PROCESS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD THE VERY BEST PROGRAM  
4 IN PLACE. OUR PROCESS REVEALED THAT OFTEN MANY OF THESE  
5 STUDENTS HAD TAKEN IN PAST COURSES IN THE PAST. BUT AS THEY  
6 WERE MOVED FROM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL, MANY OF THOSE CREDITS WERE  
7 NOT ATTACHED TO THOSE KIDS AND THOSE CREDITS WERE LOST. THANKS  
8 TO THE INTENSIVE ATTENTION PROVIDED BY OUR SOCIAL WORKERS,  
9 THOSE CREDITS WERE NOT ONLY FOUND BUT THEY WERE RESTORED TO  
10 MANY OF THESE KIDS THAT HAD ALREADY COMPLETED THOSE CLASSES.  
11 AND WE'RE ALSO GRATIFIED THAT MANY OF OUR KIDS FROM HERE ARE  
12 GOING TO GO ON AND ENROLL IN COLLEGE. THE PILOT PROGRAM HAS  
13 REALLY STRENGTHENED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
14 CHILDREN SERVICES AND MANY OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS WELL AS  
15 THE CAREGIVERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM EVERY SINGLE DAY,  
16 TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO NAVIGATE THROUGH THE  
17 EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, WHICH CAN BE QUITE DIFFICULT. I APPLAUDED  
18 THEM EARLIER THIS MORNING. I WANT TO APPLAUD THEM AGAIN  
19 BECAUSE THEY HAVE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB. AND I'M  
20 PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THE STUDENTS BECAUSE MANY OF THEM HAD  
21 SORT OF GIVEN UP. MANY OF THEM THOUGHT THIS IS JUST THE WAY  
22 THE SYSTEM WORKS. BUT I THINK THEY, TOO, WERE INSPIRED AND  
23 MOTIVATED BY THE CAREGIVERS, BY THE SOCIAL WORKERS, BY THE  
24 COUNSELORS AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT WERE INVOLVED THAT REALLY  
25 INSPIRED THEM TO MOVE FORWARD. IN HEARING THE STORIES OF EACH



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1 OF THESE STUDENTS, IT'S BEEN IMPRESSIVE THE KIND OF ATTENTION  
2 THAT THEY'VE RECEIVED FROM EVERYONE. AND I THINK IT'S  
3 ATTENTION THAT ALL OF US TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT SHOULD BE THERE  
4 ON THEIR BEHALF. IN MANY INSTANCES, IT IS NOT. SO I APPLAUD  
5 MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SO VERY ATTENTIVE IN WORKING THIS  
6 ALL OUT. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE TO THANK AND TO APPRECIATE.  
7 AND I REALLY WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO GIVE THEM RECOGNITION  
8 BECAUSE THEY DESERVE OUR RECOGNITION. ONE OF THE KEY LEADERS  
9 OF THIS PROGRAM AND PROCESS WAS A JUDGE THAT IS FAMILIAR TO  
10 ALL OF US. HE'S NOT HERE THIS MORNING BECAUSE HE HAD TO GET  
11 BACK TO WORK, BUT HE ATTENDED OUR MORNING RECEPTION, AND  
12 THAT'S JUDGE NASH. AS WE ALL KNOW, JUDGE NASH HAS AN  
13 UNBELIEVABLE TASK AHEAD OF HIM IN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE  
14 BEST INTERESTS OF CHILDREN EVERY SINGLE DAY, EVERY SINGLE  
15 MOMENT. WHEN WE APPROACHED HIM ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, HE WAS  
16 VERY, VERY SUPPORTIVE, AND BASICALLY HAS HELPED US CLEAR THE  
17 PATH SO THAT AS WE ALL KNOW, WHETHER IT'S A BUREAUCRACY OR  
18 LAWS THAT DON'T ALLOW YOU TO HAVE ACCESS TO RECORDS AND  
19 INFORMATION THAT YOU NEED IN ORDER TO PLAN THE SUCCESS OF A  
20 CHILD, JUDGE NASH WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING US PUT THAT  
21 FORWARD. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK HIM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP.  
22 AND I THINK MANY OF US REALLY RESPECT THE KIND OF ROLE THAT HE  
23 UNDERTAKES AND MANAGES AS HE CARRIES OUT HIS WORK AS A  
24 PRESIDING JUDGE OF OUR DEPENDENCY COURT. SO WE PRESENTED HIM  
25 WITH A SCROLL A LITTLE EARLIER. SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN REALLY



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1    HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD AND HAS HAD TO TAKE A LOT OF GRIEF FROM  
2    ME FROM TIME TO TIME AS THIS WAS CARRIED OUT, BECAUSE THERE'S  
3    JUST SO MANY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES THAT NEED TO BE CHANGED  
4    AND CHALLENGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE TO HER AND HER SUPERVISING  
5    STAFF, AND THAT'S OUR VERY OWN TRISH PLOEHN. SHE HAS, AS THE  
6    LEADER OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES, WHERE ARE YOU,  
7    TRISH?

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9    **TRISH PLOEHN:** RIGHT HERE.

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11    **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE HAS PROVIDED GREAT LEADERSHIP. AND I WANT TO  
12    THANK HER. SHE IS VERY DESERVING. SHE HAS MADE AN UNBELIEVABLE  
13    AMOUNT OF CHANGES WITHIN THAT DEPARTMENT TO REALLY FOCUS ON  
14    GETTING SOCIAL WORKERS TO NOT ONLY BE ATTENTIVE TO THESE  
15    CHILDREN BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO CHALLENGE THEMSELVES AS TO  
16    HOW THEY NAVIGATE THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. AND I THANK HER FOR  
17    ALL OF HER SUPPORT THROUGHOUT IT. CONGRATULATIONS, TRISH.

18    [APPLAUSE.] DO YOU WANT TO SHARE A FEW WORDS? OKAY. TAKING A  
19    PICTURE. ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU?

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21    **TRISH PLOEHN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANTED TO SHARE WITH  
22    YOU THAT IT IS TRULY BECAUSE OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S UNWAVERING  
23    BELIEF IN THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN THAT WE  
24    ARE HERE TODAY. SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THIS FIRST DISTRICT  
25    EDUCATIONAL PILOT, MY STAFF, MY MANAGERS, MY STAFF HAVE REALLY



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1 GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO FEEL THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT IT IS TO  
2 TREAT THE WHOLE CHILD. AS THE DEPARTMENT, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN  
3 OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE A CHILD'S SAFETY. AND THAT'S VERY  
4 IMPORTANT. BUT SAFETY IS JUST ONE PIECE OF WHAT A CHILD NEEDS.  
5 A CHILD NEEDS PERMANENT FAMILIES. A CHILD NEEDS A SENSE OF  
6 BELONGING. A CHILD NEEDS SELF-ESTEEM AND SELF-RESPECT. AND  
7 THAT'S WHAT EDUCATION GIVES THEM. THE 19 GRADUATES THAT WE  
8 HAVE, WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF THEM. AND WHAT WE ARE GOING TO  
9 DO IS TO USE WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THIS PROGRAM THIS YEAR  
10 TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN TAKE THESE TYPES OF SUCCESSES SO THAT  
11 THE CHILDREN IN THE FUTURE AND IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, IN  
12 OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, ARE ALL GOING TO BENEFIT FROM WHAT  
13 WE'VE LEARNED THIS YEAR. AND I DO WANT TO HAVE A FEW SPECIAL  
14 THANK YOUS, BECAUSE MARTHA MOLINA AVELES, OVER THERE, HAS JUST  
15 BEEN INSTRUMENTAL. SHE'S ONE OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S CHILDREN'S  
16 DEPUTIES. AND SHE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING SURE THAT  
17 THIS PROGRAM WORKED, AS WELL AS CARRIE MILLER FROM THE  
18 EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL, JENNY SORANO, FROM THE CHIEF  
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICE. ALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS, ALL OF THE  
20 D.C.F.S. STAFF, IT REALLY TAKES EVERYBODY TO MAKE SOMETHING  
21 LIKE THIS SUCCESSFUL FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND MOSTLY, I JUST  
22 WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE ACHIEVED SO  
23 MUCH. WITH A LITTLE BIT OF ATTENTION AND A LITTLE BIT OF  
24 SUPPORT, THEY HAVE DONE MIRACULOUS THINGS THIS YEAR, AND WE'RE  
25 VERY, VERY PROUD OF THEM. THANK YOU SO MUCH.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, TRISH. THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM WAS

3 REALLY BEEN BASED ON THE COOPERATION OF HAVING SCHOOL

4 DISTRICTS WORK WITH YOU. IT WAS INTERESTING, WHEN WE FIRST

5 APPROACHED L.A. UNIFIED ABOUT WORKING WITH US, THEY REALLY

6 WEREN'T INTERESTED AT ALL. AND NOW THAT THEY'VE SEEN THE

7 SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM, NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN, THEY'RE VERY

8 INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH US. BUT WILLING TO STEP UP AND

9 ALLOW US TO COME IN AND LOOK AT THEIR RECORDS AND TALK ABOUT

10 HOW THEY WERE DOING THEIR PROGRAM AND WHAT THEY WERE DOING AND

11 IF THEY KNEW HOW MANY FOSTER CARE KIDS THEY HAD IN THEIR WHOLE

12 SCHOOL, IT CAN BE VERY CHALLENGING TO ANYONE BECAUSE THEY'RE

13 SO -- THEY HAVE SO MANY RESPONSIBILITIES IN TRYING TO EDUCATE

14 OUR KIDS, TRYING TO MANAGE THEIR LIMITED RESOURCES, TRYING TO

15 CARRY OUT THEIR ROLES EVERY SINGLE DAY, THAT FOR US TO COME IN

16 WAS ANOTHER ISSUE. BUT I THINK THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS

17 CERTAINLY BENEFITED. WE HAVE BENEFITED FROM THEIR ABILITY TO

18 WORK WITH US. AND IN THE LONG RUN, THEY ARE GOING TO BE

19 HELPFUL TO US AS TO HOW WE INTRODUCE THIS PROGRAM INTO VARIOUS

20 SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE FIRST OF ALL

21 EDWARD VELASQUEZ. COME UP AND JOIN ME. WHEN I CALLED HIM THE

22 FIRST TIME, I THINK I FREAKED HIM OUT COMPLETELY. [APPLAUSE.]

23 BUT I WANT TO THANK HIM BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN

24 LENDING THEIR PERSONNEL, IN ALLOWING US TO GO THROUGH THE

25 PROCESS OF THE RECORDS, GETTING A LOT OF THAT INFORMATION, AND



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1 I WANT TO THANK HIM. HE IS THE SUPERINTENDENT AT MONTEBELLO  
2 SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND WE'RE SO VERY PROUD OF HIM.  
3 CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, SIR. THANK  
4 YOU. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. JOINING ME IN THAT EFFORT WAS  
5 THE SUPERINTENDENT FROM THE POMONA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
6 AND OF COURSE THAT IS THELMA MELENDEZ DE SANTA ANA IS HER FULL  
7 NAME. SHE IS GOING ON TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY AT THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UNDER THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION. AND  
9 SHE'S ON HER WAY THERE, SO SHE WASN'T ABLE TO JOIN US. BUT HER  
10 VERY ABLE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT IS HERE. AND I WANT TO  
11 BRING HIM UP BECAUSE HE WAS ALSO A PART OF THAT ANSWER AND  
12 HELPING US THROUGH ALL THOSE BARRIERS, AND THAT'S MR. RICHARD  
13 MARTINEZ. MUCHISIMAS GRACIAS. THANK YOU. YOU DID AN OUTSTANDING  
14 JOB. AND THANK THELMA FOR US. THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, ALONG THE  
15 WAY, THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF FOLKS THAT WORK ON ALL OF THESE  
16 ISSUES. AND THEY ARE INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING IT DONE. YOU  
17 KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TAKEN OUT, AS WELL, FROM  
18 OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IS OUR COUNSELORS. YOU KNOW, WE THINK  
19 THAT "WELL, YOU DON'T NEED THEM. YOU JUST NEED THE EDUCATORS  
20 IN THE CLASSROOM." BUT IT'S THE COUNSELORS THAT REALLY TALK TO  
21 THE KIDS, TO HELP THEM SORT IT OUT, HAVE THAT INDIVIDUAL  
22 ATTENTION. AND WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM, AS WELL, BECAUSE  
23 THEY DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB. SO FROM THE MONTEBELLO SCHOOL  
24 DISTRICT, WE HAVE PATRICIA LOPEZ, PATTI LOPEZ, A FRIEND OF  
25 MINE, WHO WAS A COUNSELOR THERE. CONGRATULATIONS, PATTI.



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1 [APPLAUSE.] AND FROM THE POMONA SCHOOL DISTRICT, WE HAD ZOILA  
2 MONETTE? AM I PRONOUNCING IT? CONGRATULATIONS. GOOD JOB. OH,  
3 I'M SO GLAD YOU HAD A GOOD JOB WITH IT. YOU DID GREAT. WE  
4 THANK THEM FOR THEIR ATTENTION ON THAT. NOW, OUR OWN CHILDREN  
5 SERVICES WORKERS, MARTHA AND I WERE RELENTLESS WITH THEM. AND  
6 THEY TOOK A LOT OF GRIEF FROM US. BUT I THINK THEY WERE SO  
7 HELPFUL TO US TO FIGURE OUT -- YOU KNOW, WE ALL THINK THAT THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES IS A DEPARTMENT THAT'S THERE  
9 TO TAKE CARE OF THE KIDS. AND OBVIOUSLY, THAT'S WHAT WE ASSUME  
10 AND WE THINK. BUT VERY, FRANKLY, THEY'RE THERE TO PROTECT THE  
11 CHILDREN FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT. AND SOMETIMES THESE  
12 ADDITIONAL SERVICES THAT WE THINK OR TAKE FOR GRANTED ARE  
13 REALLY NOT IN PLACE. AND THEY REALLY ASSISTED US AT TRYING TO  
14 FIGURE OUT HOW TO CONNECT IT AND HOW TO MAKE IT WORK. AND I  
15 REALLY THANK THEM FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND THE WORK THAT THEY  
16 DID IN HELPING US SORT OUT THE WHOLE SYSTEM. ONE OF THOSE  
17 INDIVIDUALS, MARIANNE FATIMI, WHO IS NOW OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR,  
18 SO CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. I REALLY  
19 APPRECIATE IT. YOU DID A GOOD JOB. THANK YOU. ANOTHER ONE OF  
20 THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WAS ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS THAT WAS  
21 THERE IS ANGEL RODRIGUEZ. ANGEL, THANK YOU. THANK YOU. AND  
22 ALSO ONE OF OUR SOCIAL WORKERS THAT WAS OUT THERE WHO ALWAYS  
23 WAS VERY HELPFUL, AND THAT'S ARLENE BARIOS. THANK YOU. WE  
24 REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP. [APPLAUSE.] AND ELVA MENDEZ WAS  
25 OUR OTHER SOCIAL WORKER. CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU.



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1 [APPLAUSE.] NOW, ALL OF THAT WAS UNDER A WHOLE TEAM THAT WAS  
2 PUT TOGETHER IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. THEY WORKED DILIGENTLY  
3 WHEN MARTHA AND I WEREN'T WORKING WITH THEM EVERY SINGLE DAY,  
4 BUT THEY DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN CONNECTING SO MANY OF THE  
5 SILOS THAT WE HAVE, UNFORTUNATELY, UNDER A BUREAUCRACY. I WANT  
6 TO THANK MIGUEL SANTANA. I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S HERE TODAY, BUT  
7 THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP, WE WERE ABLE TO OVERCOME A LOT OF THE  
8 OBSTACLES AND THE BARRIERS THAT WERE THERE. BUT I PARTICULARLY  
9 WANT TO THANK ALSO HIS STAFF. AND THAT'S JENNY SERANO AND  
10 CARRIE MILLER. WHERE ARE THEY? CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]  
11 JENNY, THANK YOU. CARRIE. COULD WE TAKE A PICTURE? AND  
12 FINALLY, WE GIVE CERTIFICATES TO ALL OF THE KIDS. THEY HAVE  
13 DONE SUCH AN OUTSTANDING JOB. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY DEDICATED.  
14 AND WHEN YOU HEAR THEIR STORIES AND ALL THE DIFFERENT STORIES,  
15 YOU FIND OUT THAT THEY REALLY NEEDED THAT LITTLE EXTRA BOOST.  
16 ON THEIR OWN, THEY'RE VERY BRIGHT, VERY CAPABLE AND VERY  
17 SMART. BUT SOMETIMES, THE SYSTEM DOES WEAR YOU DOWN WHEN  
18 YOU'RE MOVED FROM PLACE TO PLACE, YOU'RE CHANGED FROM SCHOOL  
19 TO SCHOOL, YOU KNOW HOW OVERWHELMING THAT CAN BE. BUT THEY  
20 WERE SUCCESSFUL. SO MANY OF THEM HAVE GRADUATED, SO MANY OF  
21 THEM ARE GOING TO GRADUATE, AND SOME OF THEM ARE GOING ON TO  
22 COLLEGE. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THEM AND SO WE'RE VERY PROUD  
23 OF THIS VERY FIRST CLASS. SO LET ME BRING UP THE STUDENT  
24 SPEAKER WHO IS GOING TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL THE STUDENTS  
25 AND IS IT JEANETTE? COME ON UP. OH, YOU'RE GOING TO SPEAK.



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**SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROGRAM IS EVIDENT IN EVERY CHILD'S FACE. IT HAS NOT ONLY OPENED DOORS OF POSSIBILITIES FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE IN THIS VERY UNSTABLE SOCIETY THAT WE HAVE NOW, BUT IT HAS EMPOWERED US TO ACT MORE AS STRONG INDIVIDUALS AND STUDENT LEADERS. THIS PROGRAM HAS PERSONALLY HELPED ME OBTAIN CREDITS TO RECEIVE MY HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. I WAS BEHIND JUNIOR YEAR, AND MY FORMER LIAISONS WERE EVITA SALAS AND PATRICIA BURGETT. AND THEY HELPED ME A LOT THROUGHOUT THIS JOURNEY. THEY HELPED ME REACH MY GOALS. AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I LEARNED IS THAT I CAN REACH EVERYTHING I BELIEVE IN. I ALSO GOT AN INTERNSHIP THROUGH R.O.P. PROGRAM, WHICH HELPED ME GET HANDS-ON TRAINING THROUGH WELLS FARGO AT A BANKING PROGRAM. IN TERMS OF MY FUTURE, IT HAS HELPED ME REALIZE THAT MY DREAMS HAVE BECOME REALITY. I HAVE GRADUATED WITH MY CLASS AND I WAS BEHIND. I DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS POSSIBLE. FROM THE DREAM THAT I HOPED, I DISCOVERED MY TALENT IN WRITING THROUGH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF STAFF MEMBERS FROM THIS PROGRAM. I HAVE DECIDED TO MAJOR IN ENGLISH FROM ALL YOU GUYS HELPING ME OUT. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY HERE FOR HELPING THIS COME TOGETHER. AND OF COURSE, GLORIA MOLINA.

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**SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SWEETHEART. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] WE ARE PROUD OF EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM. THEY DID AN OUTSTANDING



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1 JOB. MAY I ASK A SPECIAL THANKS TO MARTHA MOLINA OF MY OFFICE  
2 WHO HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB, AS WELL. CONGRATULATIONS,  
3 MARTHA. [APPLAUSE.] IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THIS PILOT PROGRAM  
4 WILL EVENTUALLY BE PLACED DIRECTLY INTO OUR PROGRAMMING OF  
5 WHAT WE DO. THE CASEY FOUNDATION IS WORKING WITH US NOW, DAVID  
6 SAUNDERS, OUR FORMER DIRECTOR, HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS.  
7 AND HE HAS HAD HIS REPRESENTATIVE HERE, AS WELL. AND WE HOPE  
8 THAT EVENTUALLY THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT IS GOING TO BE  
9 AVAILABLE TO EVERY SINGLE FOSTER CARE CHILD THAT IS WITH US  
10 BECAUSE THEY DESERVE IT. AS YOU CAN SEE, THESE ARE BRIGHT,  
11 TALENTED, WONDERFUL YOUNG PEOPLE. AND WE NEED TO DO ALL WE CAN  
12 TO GIVE THEM THAT BOOST THAT THEY NEED TOWARD THEIR  
13 INDEPENDENCE TO REALLY CREATE AN EMANCIPATION THAT WILL TRULY  
14 MAKE THEM THE FUTURE LEADERS THAT WE WANT TO SEE. SO WE  
15 CONGRATULATE EVERYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED. THANK YOU SO VERY  
16 MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] COULD I ASK SOME OF THE  
17 OTHER STUDENTS THAT ALL GRADUATED, IF COULD THEY PLEASE STAND?  
18 THEY DESERVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. COULD YOU PLEASE STAND?  
19 [APPLAUSE.] PLEASE STAND. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. WE  
20 APPRECIATE IT.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? SUPERVISOR  
23 ANTONOVICH?

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, THIS IS A SAD DAY FOR THE COUNTY AND A  
2    VERY HAPPY DAY FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, BECAUSE  
3    SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
4    HAS BEEN ON THE FRONTLINES OF FIRE SAFETY FOR THE PAST THREE  
5    DECADES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE'VE HAD THE  
6    OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH MICHAEL ON VARIOUS, WITH CHIEF FREEMAN  
7    WITH VARIOUS CATASTROPHES WE'VE HAD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
8    ANGELES. AND CHIEF DYER HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE DOING THE  
9    PROFESSIONAL JOB THAT HELPED TO PROTECT THE LIFE AND SAFETY OF  
10    OUR CITIZENS. AS I SAID, HE'LL BE LEADING A NEW CHAPTER IN HIS  
11    LIFE BY GOING TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, WHERE HE IS  
12    GOING TO BECOME NOW THE FIRE CHIEF. HIS CAREER HAS TAKEN HIM  
13    THROUGH VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS, WHICH STARTED AS A LIFEGUARD. SO  
14    THOSE COLLEGE STUDENTS AND OTHERS WHO ARE LIFEGUARDS DURING  
15    THE SUMMER, THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A PERSON WHO CLIMBED THAT  
16    LADDER OF SUCCESS ALL THE WAY UP TO NOW FIRE CHIEF. HE HAD THE  
17    OPPORTUNITY, AS I SAID, BEFORE JOINING THE COUNTY FIRE  
18    DEPARTMENT IN 1986 TO BE THAT LIFEGUARD. AND THEN HE MOVED UP  
19    AS A FIREFIGHTER, A FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC, FIREFIGHTER  
20    SPECIALIST, FIGHTER CAPTAIN BATTALION CHIEF, ASSISTANT FIRE  
21    CHIEF, DEPUTY CHIEF, AND CHIEF DEPUTY, AND NOW MOVING ON TO  
22    THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA. HE WAS CHIEF DEPUTY, HE WAS IN  
23    CHARGE OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS. HE SAW THE FIRE PREVENTION  
24    BUREAU, THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU, SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU,  
25    PLANNING DIVISION AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. HE



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1   HOLDS A DEGREE, BOTH HIS BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE, FROM  
2   CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT NORTHRIDGE. AND ALONG WITH  
3   THAT, HE'S HAD OTHER SPECIAL TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS FROM  
4   THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL. AND SO  
5   LET ME ASK SUPERVISOR KNABE TO SAY A FEW WORDS. WE'RE LOSING A  
6   GREAT LEADER TO OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTY, WHO I'M SURE THROUGH  
7   MUTUAL AID PACTS, WE'LL BE WORKING TOGETHER VERY SHORTLY.

8

9   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CHIEF DYER HAS BEEN A GOOD  
10   FRIEND FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. WE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH HIM  
11   OVER THE YEARS IN VARIOUS ASPECTS. HE'S BEEN A GREAT FRIEND TO  
12   OUR DISTRICT AND TO OUR CITIZENS, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY THE  
13   COUNTY. WHAT'S A SAD DAY FOR US, BUT I HAD NO IDEA THAT THIS  
14   MANY PEOPLE WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE RETIRING. [LAUGHTER.]  
15   AND SHOWING UP TO SAY GOODBYE. BUT SERIOUSLY, WE WISH YOU WELL  
16   UP THERE. WE DO INTERFACE WITH SANTA BARBARA ON C.S.A.C., AND  
17   OBVIOUSLY WITH THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS, WE WILL, AS WELL. SO  
18   I'M SURE OUR PATHS WILL CROSS AGAIN. WE WISH YOU AND YOUR  
19   FAMILY THE VERY, VERY BEST. GODSPEED AND DO WELL UP THERE.  
20   WE'LL BE ROOTING FOR YOU.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I GIVE YOU THIS  
23   PRESENTATION. AND WE'LL ASK CHIEF FREEMAN TO SAY A FEW WORDS,  
24   AND MICHAEL, YOU CAN SAY A FEW WORDS AS WELL. THIS IS A DAY OF



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1 MICHAELS, RIGHT? ST. MICHAEL'S REALLY HAPPY TODAY, HUH?

2 MICHAEL, WHY DON'T YOU GET IN, TOO.

3

4 **CHIEF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HONORABLE  
5 CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE JUST WANT TO JOIN WITH YOU AND  
6 GIVING OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO CHIEF DYER AS HE MOVES TO THE  
7 NORTH TO TAKE OVER THE COMMAND OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
8 FIRE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF DYER STARTED HIS SERVICE HERE IN THE  
9 COUNTY OVER 31 YEARS AGO AS AN OCEAN LIFEGUARD. AND CERTAINLY  
10 IN LIFEGUARDING, THE FOCUS OF THE LIFEGUARD IS ON THAT ONE  
11 SINGLE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS IN DANGER. AND THAT SPIRIT HAS STAYED  
12 WITH CHIEF DYER THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER. AND AS A FIREFIGHTER, A  
13 FIRE OFFICER AND AS AN EXECUTIVE COMMANDER IN THE FIRE  
14 DEPARTMENT, HIS FOCUS HAS ALWAYS BEEN ON THAT PERSON, THAT  
15 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IN NEED. HE IS ENERGETIC, HE HAS  
16 DEMONSTRATED HIS CAPABILITIES IN NUMEROUS WAYS HERE WITHIN THE  
17 COUNTY, AS YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED THROUGH THE YEARS. AND IT IS A  
18 GREAT HONOR FOR US HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO SEE  
19 HIM MOVE ON TO A VERY IMPORTANT POSITION AS FIRE CHIEF OF  
20 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. WE KNOW HE WILL DO WELL. AND ALL WE SAY  
21 IS, BUY SOME FIRE HAWKS. GOOD LUCK TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **MICHAEL DYER:** WELL FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOUR HONORABLE  
24 BOARD FOR THE RECOGNITION THIS MORNING. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR AND  
25 A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN ALL



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1 THESE DIFFERENT CAPACITIES FOR THE LAST 31 YEARS. I WANT TO  
2 SAY THE ONE THING THAT MAKES EVERY ORGANIZATION GREAT ARE THE  
3 MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE PULLING EVERY DAY TO DO THE JOB. SOME  
4 OF THEM ARE BEHIND ME HERE. WHAT A GREAT, GREAT EXECUTIVE TEAM  
5 WE HAVE. AND WHEN THE EMERGENCIES HIT, ALL THESE PEOPLE BEHIND  
6 ME ARE PULLING, ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN OUT THERE, THE  
7 MECHANICS, THE ADMIN STAFF, EVERYBODY IS PULLING TO GET THE  
8 JOB DONE. AND IT'S BEEN REALLY AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO  
9 WORK WITH SUCH FINE INDIVIDUALS IN THIS DEPARTMENT FOR THE  
10 LAST 31 YEARS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I COULD JUST ADD MY OWN  
17 COMMENTS ABOUT CHIEF DYER. WE'VE WORKED VERY CLOSELY TOGETHER,  
18 UNFORTUNATELY, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS WITH ALL THE FIRES  
19 WE'VE HAD IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WEST VALLEY, IN THE  
20 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. AND HE'S A FIREFIGHTER'S FIREFIGHTER.  
21 HE'S GOT GOOD JUDGMENT. HE'S GOT CALM. HE THINKS AHEAD. AND I  
22 THINK THE PEOPLE -- I KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES  
23 COUNTY, ESPECIALLY THESE FIRE RAVAGED AREAS ARE SAFER AND THE  
24 BETTER FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY. THE BEST COMPLIMENT I  
25 CAN PAY YOU, MIKE, IS WHEN A SUPERVISOR FROM UP IN SANTA



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1 BARBARA COUNTY CALLED ME TO CHECK YOU OUT, I SAID "I'LL SAY IT  
2 IN ONE SENTENCE. IF WE HAD A VACANCY AND HE APPLIED FOR THIS  
3 JOB, I COULD SUPPORT HIM FOR FIRE CHIEF IN LOS ANGELES  
4 COUNTY." AND THAT'S HOW GOOD YOU ARE IN MY BOOK. AND I KNOW I  
5 SPEAK FOR ALL OF MY CONSTITUENTS OUT THERE AND OUR MUTUAL  
6 CONSTITUENTS THAT HAVE BENEFITED FROM YOUR SERVICE. SO GOOD  
7 LUCK TO YOU UP THERE. DON'T BE A STRANGER. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE SHIATSU MIX, A LITTLE  
10 GIRL. SHE'S 32 MONTHS OLD, LOOKING FOR A HOME, WITH A YELLOW  
11 SWEATER, MATCHES HER LITTLE BEIGE COMPLEXION. SO ANYBODY WOULD  
12 LIKE TO ADOPT? HER NAME IS LADY LUCK. SHE HOPES HER LUCK HOLDS  
13 OUT FINDING A NICE HOME. BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T LIKE THE  
14 ALTERNATIVE. RIGHT? YEAH. AND WE HAVE ONE IN OUR OFFICE THAT  
15 LINDA ADOPTED A FEW YEARS AGO THAT'S OUR LITTLE MASCOT.  
16 SOMETIMES LEAVES A LITTLE TREAT FOR ME AT TIMES. AT  
17 INAPPROPRIATE TIMES. BUT WE GIVE HER LITTLE TREATS TO REWARD  
18 HER NOT TO DO THAT NEXT TIME. SO ANYBODY WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT  
19 HER, YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644. LIKES YOU, GLORIA.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK DON'S GOING TO TAKE HER.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DON'S GOING TO TAKE HER? LITTLE LADY LUCK, WE  
24 HOPE YOUR LUCK HOLDS OUT.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. FIRST DISTRICT. ADJOURNMENTS?

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3    **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO NOT HAVE ANY THIS MORNING.

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5    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO HAVE SEVERAL, MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST I'D  
8    LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CARL MALDEN, THE  
9    OSCAR WINNING ACTOR KNOWN IN ROLES IN FILM SUCH AS A  
10   "STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE," "ON THE WATERFRONT," AMONG MANY  
11   OTHERS. HIS STARRING ROLE IN THE T.V. SERIES, "STREETS OF SAN  
12   FRANCISCO." HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97 AT HIS HOME IN  
13   BRENTWOOD, JUST A FEW DAYS AGO. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
14   DAUGHTER, MILA DOERNER, AND MANY OTHER FAMILY FRIENDS AND  
15   RELATIVES. ALL MEMBERS. I WAS INFORMED YESTERDAY THAT FORMER  
16   LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN LOUIS NOWELL PASSED AWAY. LOUIE IS  
17   A FORMER CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND CITY FIREFIGHTER. DIED AT THE  
18   AGE OF 94. AFTER SERVING IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM 1940 TO  
19   1963, HE EMBARKED ON A SECOND CAREER AS A COUNCILMAN FOR THE  
20   FIRST DISTRICT OF WHAT WAS THEN NORTHEAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY,  
21   WHERE HE ABLY SERVED THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR  
22   14 YEARS, UNTIL 1977. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 68 YEARS,  
23   MAXINE; HIS SON, JOHN, RECENTLY RETIRED AS A BATTALION CHIEF  
24   IN THE L.A. CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE SERVED FOR MORE  
25   THAN 35 YEARS AND WAS PAST HONOREE AS FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR;



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1 AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. I WOULD JUST SAY THAT WHEN I FIRST  
2 BECAME A COUNCILMAN IN THE CITY OF L.A. AT THE AGE OF 26,  
3 LOUIE WAS, OTHER THAN JOHN GIBSON, WAS THE OLDEST MEMBER OF  
4 THE COUNCIL AND HE TREATED ME AS AN EQUAL, WHICH WAS -- GAVE  
5 ME SOME GOOD COUNSEL, GOOD ADVICE, I LEARNED A LOT FROM HIM.  
6 WE DIDN'T SHARE OUR POLITICS, BUT HE WAS A GREAT MUNICIPAL  
7 OFFICIAL. SO I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. ROBERT  
8 ELLSWORTH, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT IN MISSION  
9 HILLS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS,  
10 ROBERT WORKED IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AS A MOTION  
11 PICTURE COSTUMER, OUTFITTING SUCH WELL KNOWN CELEBRITIES AS  
12 ELVIS PRESLEY AND JAMES CAGNEY, AND WORKING WITH PROMINENT  
13 DIRECTORS LIKE STEVE SPIELBERG AND OTHERS. HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE  
14 IN HIS UNION AS SECRETARY-TREASURER AND LATER BUSINESS  
15 REPRESENTATIVES FOR I.A. LOCAL 705. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
16 OF 62 YEARS, LOLA; TWO SONS, RON AND STEVE; AND A DAUGHTER,  
17 LINDA; SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE  
18 ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR. CHAIR.

19  
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DID YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS THAT YOU WANTED  
21 TO CALL UP?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK SO.  
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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE AN  
2    ADJOURNMENT TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALBERTA BELL,  
3    THE GRANDMOTHER OF LORI BELL OF MY OFFICE. SHE WAS  
4    AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS DEAR. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90  
5    ON JULY 2ND. SHE WAS A FINE ARTS PROFESSOR, MUSICIAN, CLOTHING  
6    DESIGNER. SHE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY AND BEING  
7    VERY ACTIVE IN HER CHURCH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN,  
8    GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SO SHE WILL BE MISSED  
9    BY ALL. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? EXCUSE ME. BEFORE  
10   WE DO THAT, I DO HAVE A READ-IN. "THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
11   ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND THE COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
12   ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA JOINTLY EXAMINED CALIFORNIA'S  
13   SAFETY-NET PROGRAMS AND RELATED ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR  
14   COMMUNITIES. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE STUDY FOUND THAT THE  
15   STATE'S POOR ECONOMY AND HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT HAS LED TO AN  
16   INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE NOT ONLY FOR NEWLY  
17   ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS BUT ALSO FOR CURRENT PARTICIPANTS WHOSE  
18   PROGRAM EXIT HAS BEEN DELAYED. YET THE STATE SEEMS MORE  
19   COMPELLED TO PROPOSE DRAMATIC CHANGES TO HUMAN SERVICES THAT  
20   WILL SUPPOSEDLY CUT COSTS AND STREAMLINE PROGRAMS, BUT ARE IN  
21   FACT UNREALISTIC AND WILL POSE DIRE CONSEQUENCES FOR THOSE WHO  
22   DEPEND ON THEM. AS PART OF A SUSTAINED EFFORT TO CONVINCE THE  
23   STATE TO FOCUS ON PROVIDING ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR HUMAN  
24   SERVICES, THE C.S.A.C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS ADOPTED THE  
25   ATTACHED RESOLUTION AND ENCOURAGE OUR INDIVIDUAL BOARDS TO



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1 ADOPT THE SAME RESOLUTION. SO I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
2 OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION, DIRECT OUR  
3 C.E.O., IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF CHILDREN AND  
4 FAMILY SERVICES AND PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TO TRANSMIT THIS  
5 RESOLUTION TO C.S.A.C., C.W.D.A., AND THE COUNTY STATE  
6 LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, TO ADVOCATE FOR ADEQUATE FUNDING OF  
7 STATE MANDATED HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS. AND I BELIEVE THAT WE  
8 CAN FIND -- THIS WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION WITHIN THE LAST  
9 72 HOURS, SO I WOULD MOVE URGENCY THERE'S A SECOND. WITHOUT  
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THEN MOVE THIS RESOLUTION BE  
11 FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE AFOREMENTIONED PEOPLE IN  
12 THE MOTION. IS THAT CORRECT? CAN WE DO THAT? BECAUSE WE'RE ON  
13 A SHORT TIME FRAME HERE? IS THAT CORRECT? OKAY. SECONDED BY  
14 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.  
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN WITH LOUIE  
18 NOWELL. LOUIE HELPED ME IN MY FIRST CAMPAIGN. AND HE AND HIS  
19 WIFE WERE AN INTEGRAL PART OF SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, QUITE  
20 INVOLVED WITH THE TUJUNGA COMMUNITIES AND SUN VALLEY, LAKE  
21 VIEW TERRACE, AND WAS A VERY FINE PUBLIC SERVANT. ALSO WITH  
22 KARL MALDEN. KARL MALDEN WAS BORN MALDEN SEKULVICH IN ILLINOIS  
23 TO A SERBIAN FAMILY, ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH. AND THEN CAME HERE  
24 AND BECAME AN OUTSTANDING ACTOR. HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN  
25 WORLD WAR II. AND HE ALSO WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE



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1 REBUILDING OF THE ST. STEVENS' CATHEDRAL IN ALHAMBRA. HE  
2 ALWAYS WAS A COURTEOUS MAN. A REAL PROFESSIONAL. HIS WIFE AND  
3 HE CELEBRATED, I BELIEVE IT WAS THEIR 70TH ANNIVERSARY IN  
4 DECEMBER. AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, MILA AND CARA. BUT HE WAS  
5 WELL-RESPECTED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. HE BELIEVED THAT  
6 CROATIANS AND SERBIANS SHOULD GET ALONG TOGETHER AND WORK  
7 TOGETHER SIDE BY SIDE. HE WAS A GOOD AMERICAN AND SERVED HIS  
8 PROFESSION, BOTH AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE MOTION PICTURE ARTS  
9 AND SCIENCES, WON AN ACADEMY AWARD, WON AN AWARD ALSO FOR HIS  
10 T.V. SERIES "STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO." BUT HE WAS A GOOD MAN  
11 AND HE LEFT WITH HIS BOOTS ON AND A GOOD ROLE MODEL. ALSO I'D  
12 LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THERESA "TESS"  
13 TOWNER, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97, AS WELL. WAS A LIFELONG  
14 RESIDENT IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE WAS IN FARMING WITH HER  
15 HUSBAND, AND WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN  
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY. THELMA GRAMATKY PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 27TH AT  
17 THE AGE OF 96 IN GLENDALE. HER SON JOHN AND THREE  
18 GRANDCHILDREN, TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WAS INVOLVED IN  
19 THE P.T.A. AT JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL IN LAS FILAS AREA AND  
20 ALSO IN OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS. PATRICK CUMMINGS FITZPATRICK  
21 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF LOYOLA HIGH  
22 SCHOOL AND SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY, AND WAS INVOLVED AS AN  
23 INSURANCE EXECUTIVE FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS. HE WAS A PROUD  
24 MEMBER OF THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTRY CLUB.  
25 RODRIGO ARAMAS, PROBATION OFFICER, PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 28TH.



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1 HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, CAMP CHALLENGER, AND  
2 ALSO WAS KNOWN FOR HIS SKILLED PENMANSHIP AND COMPUTER WHIZ,  
3 WHO DEVELOPED MANY COMPUTER SYSTEMS UTILIZED IN THE CAMP  
4 SYSTEM, UTILIZED BY THE CAMP INSTITUTIONS. HE WAS A RESIDENT  
5 OF KERN COUNTY, SERVED IN THE MILITARY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
6 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. EDWARD CLOSTERMAN. RAISED IN  
7 GLENDALE. EXCUSE ME, PASSED AWAY IN GLENDALE. FORMER F.B.I.  
8 AGENT, GRADUATE OF U.C.L.A. HE WAS MARRIED FOR 56 YEARS. HE  
9 MET HIS WIFE AS AN F.B.I. AGENT WHEN HE WAS IN FLORENCE, SOUTH  
10 CAROLINA 56 YEARS AGO. AND THEN CAME BACK HERE IN 1964 AND  
11 LEFT THE F.B.I. AND STARTED SHIELD SECURITY GUARD COMPANY. AND  
12 HE LEAVES HIS CHILDREN, EDWARD, JR., AND KENNETH GREG. HE WAS  
13 ACTIVE IN THE GRANDVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GLENDALE. RUTH  
14 HOUSTON PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF  
15 ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS AND WORKED WITH THE LOS  
16 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND DURING HER FREE TIME,  
17 SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE. THOSE ARE  
18 MY ADJOURNMENTS. AND I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM 12.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS BEING HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE  
21 PUBLIC. MR. SACHS?

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I HELD ITEM 12  
24 BECAUSE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO YOU HAD A HUGE DISCUSSION HERE  
25 REGARDING THE SHARING OF INFORMATION FOR YOUR FAMILY



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1 SERVICES., AND THE FACT THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO IMPLEMENT A  
2 PROGRAM WITH THAT. SO I'M WONDERING IF THIS ENTERPRISE CONTENT  
3 MANAGEMENT STANDARD WOULD RELATE TO THAT AT ALL? OR WOULD IT  
4 AFFECT IT? THE ABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENTS TO SHARE THE  
5 INFORMATION FOR FAMILY SERVICES. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 16.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 16, MR. SACHS?

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13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YEAH, I HELD 16. WELL ACTUALLY, I WAS GOING TO  
14 HOLD 1-D BECAUSE IT REFERS PRETTY MUCH -- YOU'RE OFFERING THE  
15 WEINGART CENTER ASSOCIATION CONTRACT FOR \$200,000 FOR HOUSING  
16 LOCATER CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR G.R. SINGLE ADULTS. AND I HAD  
17 ORIGINALLY HELD 1-D BECAUSE I WAS WONDERING IF THAT HAS ANY  
18 KIND OF CARRYOVER OR INFLUENCE WITH THIS HOMELESSNESS  
19 PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM. SINCE BASICALLY  
20 YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HOUSING, I WOULD IMAGINE THE RAPID RE-  
21 HOUSING PROGRAMS IS FOR FAMILIES? BUT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE  
22 INDIVIDUALS? AND YOU'RE GOING TO PAY WEINGART CENTER \$200,000  
23 TO LOOK FOR HOUSING, ALSO. ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO?  
24 THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
2    BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL, THANK YOU.

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE ARE GOING TO CALL UP, LET'S  
7    SEE, NO -- YOU HELD 3-D?

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9    **ARNOLD SACHS:** I DID HOLD 3-D.

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11    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HELD 19. ALSO, IF WE CAN TUNE INTO  
12    LANCASTER, NICOLE PARSONS, AS WELL, HELD THOSE TWO ITEMS. MR.  
13    SACHS, IF YOU CAN GO AHEAD?

14

15    **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL, 3-D, AND EVEN IN YOUR AGENDA IT RELATES TO  
16    ITEM 19. 3-D, YOU'RE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO  
17    ACCEPT \$4 MILLION, ALMOST \$5 MILLION IN STATE NEIGHBORHOOD  
18    STABILIZATION PROGRAM FUNDS AND TO EXECUTE A GRANT AMENDMENT  
19    WITH THE STATE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO  
20    RECEIVE THE STATE'S NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM FUNDS.  
21    BUT IN 19, YOU'RE RECOMMENDING THAT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
22    COMMISSION ACT AS THE AGENT OF THE COUNTY IN ALL MATTERS  
23    PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM THE STATE'S  
24    NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM. SO IF ITEM NO. 3-D HAS THE  
25    EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRETTY MUCH TRYING TO MAKE AMENDMENTS AND A



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1 GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE FOR ANY -- TO RECEIVE THESE  
2 FUNDS, WHAT WOULD THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PICK UP  
3 THAT THE STATE -- THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WOULDN'T? AND  
4 THAT BEING THE CASE, WHY WOULDN'T THE STATE, THE EXECUTIVE  
5 DIRECTOR, PICK UP ALL THOSE FUNDINGS AND YOU NEED TO HAVE THE  
6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE'S THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, HE'S THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY  
12 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEY'RE INTERRELATED. SO ONE HAS AN  
15 ACTION AND THE OTHER ONE IS TO ENGAGE THE COMMISSION AS THE  
16 AGENT. OKAY?

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT'S LIKE A PASS- THROUGH, THOUGH. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND THEN FROM LANCASTER, I  
21 BELIEVE, ARE WE HOOKED UP? NICOLE PARSONS HAS HELD 3-D AND 19,  
22 AS WELL. THEY ARE BOTH RELATED. DO YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD AND  
23 TESTIFY?

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1 **NICOLE PARSON:** YES. HI, I'M GOING TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF JUST  
2 BEING A CITIZEN IN GENERAL. AND OVER HERE IN LANCASTER, IN  
3 ANTELOPE VALLEY IN L.A. COUNTY, I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU, MR.  
4 MAYBE ANTONOVICH OR THE BOARD IF YOU GUYS COULD LOOK AT LIKE  
5 MAYBE IF THERE'S A FORM TO APPEAL OR SOMETHING? BECAUSE I FEEL  
6 THAT I'VE BEEN WRONGED AND NOT ONLY ME. I'M GOING TO SPEAK  
7 JUST MAYBE ABOUT ME. BUT IT'S NOT JUST ONLY ABOUT ME. BUT I  
8 WAS WRONGED IN APPLYING TO YOU GUYS MAKING A CLAIM. AND, SEE,  
9 THAT'S WHERE LIKE OVER HERE, WE'RE JUST LIKE A WHOLE BUNCH OF  
10 FARMERS, LIKE, RIGHT? AND SO WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I JUST WANTED  
11 BLACK FEET, YOU KNOW, LIKE ALL THE OLDER GIRLS. AND THEN BUT  
12 LIKE JUST FROM BEING FARMERS, YOU KNOW, WE'RE LIKE THE BIGGEST  
13 INNOVATORS. AND SO WE ALWAYS GET MISTAKEN. AND SO LIKE THE  
14 HOPE 6, THE HOPE 6, LIKE THIS PROGRAM, OKAY, I WAS PROUD OF  
15 IT. AND I TURNED IN THE RESEARCH IN JULY AND THEN I HAVE THE  
16 BRIDGE IN AUGUST. SO IN THE HOSPITAL, I WAS PROUD TO SPEAK  
17 ABOUT, THEY'RE LIKE WHAT DO YOU DO? AND I SAY I RESEARCH AND I  
18 DO, YOU KNOW, FOR GOVERNMENT RESEARCH. AND THEN SO YOU KNOW,  
19 THEY TOOK HER. AND THEN THEY KILLED MY DOG ON SEPTEMBER 8TH  
20 WHEN I ASKED FOR THE WELFARE PROVISION BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE  
21 THE MONEY TO GET HER. AND THEN I CALLED MR. ANTONOVICH'S  
22 OFFICE, AND THEN THEY CALLED LANCASTER SHELTER AND THEN THEY  
23 KILLED HER. AND THEN ABOUT MY DAD, MY DAD, THERE WAS NO COURT  
24 ORDER. IT WAS LIKE AND ILLEGAL EVICTION. AND THEN MY DAD DIED.  
25 OKAY? AND THEN, SO CAN YOU GUYS, IS THERE A FORM OR MISS



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1 MOLINA, YOU SAID THAT YOU GUYS JUST DENY. IT'S LIKE  
2 INJUNCTION, INJUNCTION. AND I'M JUST SO BEHIND IN MY  
3 PROFESSIONAL WORKS BECAUSE OF THE COUNTY AND JUST DENYING ME.  
4 AND I JUST WANT IT TO BE RIGHT. LIKE THE WATER, IT'S GOING TO  
5 BE ALL WRONG. IT'S GOING TO BE ALL WRONG. BASICALLY EVERYONE'S  
6 JUST GOING TO THROW THEIR WASTE OR WHATEVER OUT THE WINDOW.  
7 AND THERE'S NO ONE WATCHING IT. BUT I'M PROFESSIONAL. I'M JUST  
8 A FARMER, OKAY? I MEAN CAN YOU ANSWER, PLEASE?

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. SUPERVISOR  
11 ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE, SOMEONE WILL CONTACT YOU OR YOU CAN  
12 CONTACT SOMEONE UP THERE. OKAY. ITEM 3-D AND 19 IS BEFORE US.  
13 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
14 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE'RE GOING TO  
15 CALL ITEM 4.

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17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 4. YESTERDAY'S L.A. TIMES THERE WAS AN  
18 ARTICLE IN THE BUSINESS SECTION REGARDING THE P.U.C.'S GOING  
19 TO CONSIDER HAVING HEARINGS AND RAISING THE THRESHOLD, OR  
20 RAISING THE CEILING ON THE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY THAT THE  
21 UTILITIES CAN BUY BACK FROM 4 PERCENT TO 10 PERCENT. AND MY  
22 QUESTION BEING, SINCE THIS ITEM REGARDS SOLAR INITIATIVE,  
23 SOLAR PANEL INITIATIVES, WILL THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
24 BE SENDING A LETTER TO THE P.U.C. OR TO THE STATE IN SUPPORT  
25 OF RAISING THE THRESHOLDS TO 10 PERCENT? BECAUSE THE 4 PERCENT



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1 THAT IS CURRENTLY THE CEILING, THAT'S WHAT THE UTILITIES ARE  
2 ALLOWED TO BUY BACK FROM THEIR CONSUMERS, IS FAST APPROACHING.  
3 AND ONCE THAT CEILING IS REACHED, THEY WON'T BE BUYING ANYMORE  
4 ELECTRICITY FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOLAR PANELS. JUST CURIOUS TO  
5 KNOW. YOU SENT LETTERS TO THE STATE LEGISLATION AND THE  
6 GOVERNOR. WOULD YOU BE SENDING A LETTER TO THE P.U.C. SAYING  
7 THAT YOU SUPPORT A RAISE OF THE CEILING TO 10 PERCENT FOR  
8 SOLAR, FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO INVEST IN SOLAR POWER? THANK  
9 YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
12 YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
13 ORDERED. OKAY, WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. ARNOLD SACHS? RON  
14 MILLER? AND SUSAN BURTON.

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16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU ALMOST SET A RECORD. THANK YOU. LAST MONDAY,  
17 OR IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TUESDAY, THE "DAILY BREEZE" HAD A STORY  
18 ON MEASURE "R" AND THE EFFECTS FROM THE FALLOUT THAT WILL  
19 OCCUR IN THE SOUTH BAY. AND ONE OF THE STORIES IN THAT, ONE OF  
20 THE BY LINES IN THAT STORY WAS REGARDING THE HARBOR  
21 SUBDIVISION RAIL LINE, HOW THE HALF CENT SALES TAX WILL BE  
22 USED TO DEVELOP THAT. WELL, THEY'VE HAD SEVERAL, MORE THAN  
23 SEVERAL. THEY'VE HAD MAYBE PRETTY CLOSE TO 10 OUTREACH  
24 PROGRAMS IN THE SOUTH BAY REGARDING THAT. AND I HAVE GONE TO  
25 THREE. THEY'VE HAD PLENTY OF DIAGRAMS. THEY'VE HAD PROPOSED



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1 ROUTES. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THEY SAID WE HAVE NO FUNDING  
2 SOURCE. EVEN WITH MEASURE "R." SO, YOU GET TWO SIDES OF THE  
3 STORY. YOU HAVE PEOPLE FROM THE M.T.A. TELLING YOU THEY HAVE  
4 NO FUNDING SOURCE AND YOU HAVE THESE INSIDE WRITERS FROM THE  
5 "DAILY BREEZE" TELLING YOU THAT MEASURE "R" WILL BUILD THE  
6 HARBOR SUBDIVISION. YOU COULDN'T BE FURTHER APART IF YOU HAD  
7 BOTH ENDS OF THE POLES ON THE GLOBE. I'M TRYING TO GET SOME  
8 CLEAR THINKING HERE SO THAT THIS DOESN'T TURN INTO ANOTHER,  
9 IT'S FAST APPROACHING THAT, ANOTHER DEBACLE LIKE THE RED LINE  
10 OR THE WILSHIRE CORRIDOR LINE OR THE GOLD LINE ITSELF THAT WAS  
11 NEVER COMPLETED. JUST A LITTLE BIT OF DIRECTION FROM THE  
12 PEOPLE WHO SIT ON THE M.T.A. BOARD WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL TO  
13 THE PUBLIC INSTEAD OF WATCH ME PULL A RABBIT OUT OF MY HAT  
14 ROUTINE. AND I ALSO WANTED TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS  
15 EVENT THAT'S GOING ON IN DOWNTOWN L.A. WITH THE MICHAEL  
16 JACKSON MEMORIAL. AND IN A RELATED ITEM, THERE WAS A STORY IN  
17 THE L.A. TIMES REGARDING THE HOME DEPOT CENTER. AND A.E.G.,  
18 BEING THAT GREAT CORPORATE CITIZEN THAT THEY ARE, OFFERED THE  
19 CITY OF CARSON TO FUND THE OVERTIME FOR THEIR CODE ENFORCEMENT  
20 OFFICERS SO THAT THEY COULD GO OUT AND TICKET AND CONFISCATE  
21 THE PEOPLE THAT GRILL HOT DOGS IN THESE LITTLE CARTS THAT ARE  
22 UNLICENSED. THAT BEING SAID, A.E.G. BEING THAT GREAT CORPORATE  
23 CITIZEN, HOPEFULLY WILL STEP UP AND OFFER TO PAY THE OVERTIME  
24 THAT'S BEING INCURRED BY MAYBE THE M.T.A. OR THE SHERIFF'S  
25 DEPARTMENT OR THE CITY OF L.A. FOR THE COSTS OF RUNNING THE



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1 PRIVATIZING OF DOWNTOWN STAPLES CENTER THAT'S GOING TO  
2 APPROACH \$4 BILLION. THAT BEING SAID, THE BUDGET DISCUSSIONS  
3 REGARDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHAT CONCERNS ME ABOUT  
4 THAT IN THE STORY IN THE L.A. TIMES WAS THAT THE BUDGET WENT  
5 FROM \$1.6 BILLION TO 2.05.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** \$100 MILLION A YEAR. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. MILLER?

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13 **RON MILLER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE  
14 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I'M RON MILLER, AND I REPRESENT THE L.A.  
15 ORANGE COUNTY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES. I'M ALSO A  
16 REPRESENTATIVE OF PLUMBERS' LOCAL 78. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT  
17 THE COUNTY IS COGNIZANT THAT ALL THE A.R.R.A. FUNDS HAVE A  
18 PREVAILING WAGE STANDARD ATTACHED TO THEM, AND WE WOULD LIKE,  
19 IF IT IS POSSIBLE, TO INTRODUCE PUBLICLY THAT THE BUILDING  
20 TRADES ARE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT ON  
21 ALL THE A.R.R.A.-RELATED PROJECTS. WE KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THAT  
22 THE COUNTY IS INTERESTED IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF THESE  
23 FUNDS, AND IN INSURING THAT THE LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE WORKING ON  
24 THESE PROJECTS AND HAVE AN OPEN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN  
25 APPRENTICESHIP. WE HAVE A VERY RESPECTABLE TRACK RECORD WHEN



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1 IT COMES TO PROMOTING LOCAL HIRE WITH VARIOUS PUBLIC AGENCIES  
2 WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES ORANGE COUNTY  
3 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL  
4 WITH NEGOTIATING PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS PUBLIC  
5 AGENCIES. THESE P.L.A.S CREATE A LEVEL AND FAIR PLAYING FIELD  
6 FOR HONEST AND FAIR CONTRACTORS BIDDING THE WORK. WE WILL LOOK  
7 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THIS BOARD IN THE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES  
8 TO PUT YOUR CONSTITUENTS, OUR MEMBERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
9 LOCAL COMMUNITY TO WORK. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, RON. SUSAN BURTON? AND THEN  
12 I'LL ASK JOSHUA KIM TO JOIN US.

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14 **SUSAN BURTON:** HI, MY NAME IS SUSAN BURTON AND I'M DIRECTOR OF  
15 THE NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT. ALSO A MEMBER OF ALL OF  
16 US OR NONE. WE WERE HERE THREE WEEKS AGO WITH A CONCERN AROUND  
17 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE 10,000 JOBS THAT ARE COMING  
18 FORWARD. YOU KNOW, AS YOU KNOW, I'VE WORKED WITH THE FORMER  
19 PRISONER COMMUNITY FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS. AND IT'S A HUGE  
20 COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE IN ALL OF YOUR DISTRICTS. I'M IN THE  
21 SECOND DISTRICT. MY SUPERVISOR'S NOT HERE. I WISH HE WAS HERE.  
22 BUT WHEN WE WERE HERE, THERE WAS A STATEMENT MADE BY THE  
23 SUPERVISOR FOR THE WORK SOURCE TO CONNECT WITH US AND ADDRESS  
24 THE CONCERNS WE HAD ABOUT THE LANGUAGE THAT WOULD GO OUT INTO  
25 THE CONTRACT. AND IT HASN'T HAPPENED. WE'VE MADE NUMEROUS



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1 CALLS AND HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ENGAGE IN A CONVERSATION WITH  
2 THE WORK SOURCE CENTER. YOU KNOW THERE'S HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS  
3 OF PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO HAVE CONVICTIONS WHO ARE  
4 STRUGGLING TO ACTUALLY HAVE EMPLOYMENT. AND YOU KNOW, MY  
5 CONCERN IS A BETTER LOS ANGELES. AND I'M SURE YOUR CONCERN  
6 ALSO IS A BETTER LOS ANGELES, A FAIR LOS ANGELES, THE ABILITY  
7 FOR PEOPLE TO GET JOBS AFTER CONVICTIONS AND HOW DO WE -- MY  
8 QUESTION AND MY THOUGHT IS: IS HOW DO WE ACHIEVE THAT? WHAT DO  
9 WE DO TO ACTUALLY MAKE THAT HAPPEN? ACCORDING TO THE TIMES,  
10 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND OTHER ENTITIES, THERE'S GOING TO  
11 BE A LARGE, LARGE RELEASE AND INFLUX OF PEOPLE COMING BACK  
12 INTO THIS COMMUNITY. MY THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS ARE: WHAT DO WE  
13 DO TO ADDRESS THEM? ARE THERE ANY PLANS GOING DOWN? ARE THERE  
14 ANY ROUND TABLES? WHAT CAN WE DO TO WORK COLLECTIVELY TO MAKE  
15 THAT HAPPEN? NOT ONLY IN THE SECOND DISTRICT BUT THROUGHOUT  
16 THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES? AGAIN, THE COMMUNITY'S  
17 WELFARE, WELL-BEING, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND A FAIR OPPORTUNITY FOR  
18 PEOPLE TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES AFTER THEY ARE RELEASED IS THE  
19 CONCERN. THE LAST TIME, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I WAS HERE, YOU SAID  
20 THAT YOU WOULD SEND SOMEONE TO TALK TO ME TO ADDRESS THOSE  
21 CONCERNS, TO FOLLOW-UP AFTER THIS MEETING THAT I'M JUST NOT  
22 SPEAKING AT THIS MEETING AND THAT'S THE END OF IT. AND I  
23 REQUEST TODAY AGAIN IF YOU COULD HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO ME TO  
24 ACTUALLY ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF A FAIR CONTRACT FOR THESE  
25 JOBS AND A CHANCE FOR PEOPLE TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES. IF THEIR



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1 LIVES DON'T GET REBUILT, NOT ONLY ARE THEY DESTROYED, BUT  
2 PEOPLE AROUND THEM ARE DESTROYED, TOO.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, JOSHUA KIM.

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6 **JOSHUA KIM:** MY NAME IS JOSHUA KIM, I'M A STAFF ATTORNEY AT NEW  
7 WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT. I'M HERE TO ADDRESS THE SAME  
8 CONCERN THAT SUSAN DID, ABOUT THE CREATION OF 10,000 NEW JOBS  
9 THROUGH THE SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD WITH THE  
10 FEDERAL A.R.R.A. MONEY. THE LAST TIME WE WERE HERE, ABOUT  
11 THREE WEEKS AGO, THERE WAS A MENTION THAT THE SOUTH BAY  
12 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD WAS CONSIDERING CREATING A SPECIAL  
13 PROGRAM THAT JUST TARGETS PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS BECAUSE  
14 THEY ARE A DIFFICULT POPULATION TO PLACE IN EMPLOYMENT.  
15 HOWEVER, STILL BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN  
16 THEM AND US, A LOT OF QUESTIONS REMAIN FOR US UNANSWERED. FOR  
17 INSTANCE, ARE PEOPLE WITH NECESSARY EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE  
18 BEING INVOLVED IN CREATING THIS PROGRAM? WHAT KIND OF JOBS ARE  
19 BEING TARGETED AND CREATED? BECAUSE THERE ARE, IN FACT, LAWS  
20 ON THE BOOK THAT MAKE CERTAIN JOBS INACCESSIBLE TO THESE  
21 PEOPLE, AND HOW MUCH MONEY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE? HOW MANY  
22 JOBS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? I JUST WANT TO MENTION THAT AS A  
23 GENERAL PRINCIPLE, PUBLIC SAFETY IS NOT ACHIEVED THROUGH  
24 SEGREGATION, BUT THROUGH INTEGRATION. AND IF SPECIAL PROGRAMS  
25 ARE MADE AVAILABLE FOR A SPECIAL GROUP OF PEOPLE, THAT THEY



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1 MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THESE  
2 PEOPLE, THE TARGET POPULATION, AND THIS SPECIAL CATEGORY OF  
3 PEOPLE, PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS. I WANT TO REMIND THE  
4 BOARD THAT HISTORICALLY THEY ARE LEFT OUT FOR A LATER  
5 CONSIDERATION TIME AND TIME AGAIN. AND IN THE END, THEY REMAIN  
6 OUTSIDE OF OUR MAINSTREAM AND THEY REMAIN IN THEIR LIVES OF  
7 DESPERATION AND ALIENATION. AND THEY KEEP GOING THROUGH THIS  
8 VICIOUS CYCLE OF ALIENATION, POVERTY AND CRIME. THIS IS A GOOD  
9 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD, FOR THE COUNTY TO TAKE A GOOD  
10 HEALTHY STEP TOWARDS INTEGRATING THEM BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITY  
11 AND MAKING ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM AND I ENCOURAGE THE  
12 BOARD TO TAKE A SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF THIS. THANK YOU VERY  
13 MUCH.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I CAN ASSURE YOU, THERE'S A  
16 LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE INTERESTED IN THE 10,000 JOBS. AND  
17 IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION. WE'RE WORKING  
18 WITH COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES,  
19 CITIES. IT'S NOT JUST BEING RUN BY THE COUNTY. SO THERE'S A  
20 LOT OF ACTIVITY AROUND THERE. A LOT OF PEOPLE WANT THOSE JOBS  
21 BECAUSE REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEIR PAST HISTORY IS, THEY'RE  
22 STILL NOT WORKING.

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1   **JOSHUA KIM:** AND ACTUALLY WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS WE DON'T WANT A  
2   SPECIAL SET-ASIDE FOR PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS. WE SIMPLY  
3   WANT THE PLAYING FIELD TO BE LEVEL. THAT'S WHAT WE WANT.

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5   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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7   **JOSHUA KIM:** THANK YOU.

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9   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I BELIEVE YOU WILL READ US INTO CLOSED  
10   SESSION, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

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12   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
13   NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE  
14   CONVENING IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-2,  
15   CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE  
16   TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND ITEM NO. CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH  
17   LABOR NEGOTIATORS, WILLIAM T FUJIOKA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
18   AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK  
19   YOU.

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5       In Open Session, item CS-1 was continued one week to July 14,  
6       2009, at the request of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas.

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8       No reportable action was taken on items CS-2 or CS-3.

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